

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 State Route 295
CHATHAM, NEW YORK 12037

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

GOOGLE MEET: meet.google.com/rzw-azqx-ibn

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PRESENT

Supervisor Donal Collins, Councilmembers Vance Pitkin, Abi Mesick, John Wapner and Kevin Weldon, CAATS Tammy Shaw, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Supervisor Collins called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. UHY LLP RE: Letter of Engagement

2. United States Dept. of Commerce RE: Boundary & Annexation Survey
3. UHY LLP RE: Town Court Audit-2019
4. NYS Agriculture & Markets RE: DCO Inspection Report
5. Michael Richardson RE: Economic Development

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report by Councilman Weldon and Councilman Pitkin: Park & Recreation Committee.

Weldon reported that the Park Plan is now in the hands of the editor and we hope to have it done by next week. They want to continue to collaborate with PS 21 and they'll need a letter of support from the Town, Weldon will draft that. They're looking for a Children's Garden director. Jesse Ortiz resigned from the committee..

2. Report by Supervisor Collins: Finance & Planning Committee.

Spoke with the Highway Super. about proposed equipment purchases, they'll wait for fund balance report from accountants. The White Mills bridge easement released payment. Waiting for Albany TPK bids to come back.

3. Report by Councilman Weldon: Climate Smart/Action Task Force Committee. Weldon reported that they didn't get the

Lifeboat Grant. We're now really focusing on accomplishing what they would have helped us accomplished without their help. The committee seems committed to doing that

4. Report by Councilwoman Mesick: Communications Committee. Mesick reported that they have all the information that they'd like to include in the first newsletter. Shaw is working on setting up Mailchimp account. When it's ready to go can the committee send it out or does the Board want to review it first? Rappleyea added that there is no violation of Open Meetings law if the newsletter is sent to the Board for them to look at. No decisions are going to be made. Pitkin said he'd be comfortable just reviewing it in an email. So far it will be a quarterly newsletter, more often if necessary.

5. Report by Councilwoman Mesick: Comprehensive Plan Update Review Committee. Mesick reported that they moving ahead with interviews of Planners. The Committee has been working on the survey and not much else sine they aren't able to conduct hamlet meetings due to COVID. They found the hamlet meeting to be very informative.

6. Report by Councilman Pitkin: Broadband Committee

Pitkin reported that Consolidated has undertaken the building out of fiber optics cable on County Route 13 up as far as O'Del's house which includes Linville's. They are also working on Dorland. The petitions seemed to work in this instance and

maybe could work in other underserved areas as well. There is 300 million in Federal Stimulus money for Broadband but those funds are spread across the US.

Pitkin reported that the Village of Chatham will disband their Court as of April 5, 2021

REPORTS:

1. Assessor
2. Code Enforcement/Building Inspector – on file
3. Dog Control
4. Environmental Management Council
5. Finance Department – on file
6. Highway Department – on file
7. Justice Court – on file
8. Office of the Aging Advisory Board
9. Recreation Director – on file
10. Supervisor's Report – on file
11. Town Clerk – on file

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Attorney RFP/Set Interview Dates

Collins reported that we have the attorney RFP and can set interview dates should the board decide to do that. We set that up to keep an open eye on different options for representation. Tal was very magnanimous to continue with us as we do this. We received two rfps.: One from Tal and one from Jacobowitz & Gubits which were sent to the Board. Collins asked if the Board would like to continue with interviews or to maintain where we're at.

Pitkin: is comfortable where we are and would like to continue with Tal.

Wapner: said that there was another attorney supposedly submitting a resume.

Supervisor: I have a note from him, he did call the office saying he wouldn't be submitting an rfp.

Wapner was referring to someone else who had done it last week

Supervisor: Went by the rfps that had been submitted, they're public record. The cutoff date was the fourth

Wapner: stated that this would have been long before the fourth, it was about two weeks ago, he's a Columbia County attorney. Wapner said he called him this afternoon because I

didn't see it and he said he'd call me back and I haven't heard from him I don't know what the status of it is but I certainly would like to wait until he gets a chance to see his resume, give him a chance to be seen

Supervisor: We didn't get anything from him.

Wapner: I know he, I know he went on the website about two weeks ago, the new with where they are. He was and then I assumed it had gone in. I didn't hear anything about it.

Pitkin: two weeks ago was February 4th, which was the cutoff date.

Wapner: said he didn't even know if it arrived or whether it arrived late.

Supervisor: again stated that he hadn't gotten anything so now the Board can choose what they want to do.

Mesick: we could look back out in the records and see that if this guy actually sent something in. Supervisor said that we can double check with the "applicant" and table until workshop meeting. Sounded good to Weldon.

2. Kinderhook Lake/Niverville Fire Budget Payment Shortage/Tax Roll

Shaw gave a brief explanation with the resolution to follow.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Citizen Advisory Committee Protocol

Supervisor: This is something we're looking to review and adopt. Should the board like to proceed? Does anyone have any questions or comments about this or thoughts?

Mesick: stated that she worked on this with John and personally really likes the document. Comments continued....

Wapner: suggested passing it as it is and he and Abi can amend it and bring it back to the workshop meeting.

Supervisor: it's not very complicated language and you just want to say that these committees can be dissolved by majority board vote. We can vote that whole thing through tonight, but if people want to think on that further and just go with what we have.

Pitkin: this town has run for 100 years without having the need for this and I feel like, in many ways, that the only reason we need this now is because of the board's inability to be able to work seamlessly together. But he has no objection to it.

Supervisor: what you want is to pass it tonight or just table it to the March 4th Workshop meeting?

Wapner: we also have the one for the supervisor, which isn't quite done. So maybe we could finish that one up and then pass them both.

Supervisor said OK.

2. Park and Rec Sub-Committee on COVID Protocols

There was much discussion on this and Weldon added that with this subcommittee they can get out ahead of things this year to get the summer program open. It was suggested that they also include someone with a medical background on the subcommittee as well. Weldon assured everyone that they are following County and CDC recommendations and guidelines.

3. Special Use Permit Re-Allocation SEQR Review/Set Public Hearing

Supervisor: This is to move the special use permits from the zba to the planning board. I email to the board earlier with comments from Columbia County planning board.

Rappleyea: the law actually does have the blanket in there, so it covers everything even if we didn't specifically mention it, you can add it if you want but it's redundant.

Rappleyea continued: Last month the Town declared itself lead agencies. Part one just identifies what the project is. You could go to part two and just go through the impacts.

Supervisor: short environmental assessment form part, 2, impact assessment. After reviewing and answering “no, or small impact may occur” on all 11 questions on the SEAF Part 2 – Impact Assessment Collins made a motion to accept, Weldon seconded and the motion carried.

SEAF Part 3 – Determination of Significance. After reviewing Collins made a motion to accept that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact. Weldon seconded and the motion carried. Rappleyea stated that this means that the Board has determined that the adoption of the local law will not result in any significant negative environmental impacts.

4. Lot Line Adjustment SEQR Review/Set Public Hearing

Supervisor: we’re looking at altered lot line versus boundary adjustment.

Rappleyea: There are two levels of complexity for lot line versus boundary line adjustment, one is for very small projects and one is for a little bit larger projects. And so for the small ones, we've made it very simple and for the larger ones, but still small, we're going to make it a little more complex.

Supervisor: we'll move into the environmental assessment form. #1 there doesn't propose action involve only the legislative adoption of a plan. Local law ordinance,

administrative rule or regulation. We've checked yes. That's because that falls in that parameter. I don't know if we need the Board needs to vote on the agreement of that. But I'd say that's self-evident. On Part 2 we can vote on all questions in bulk as the questions have a "no or small impact" determination. All members were in agreement. Part 3 – based on the information and supporting documentation we have determined that the action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact. Motion made by Collins to accept the determination, seconded by Weldon. Motion carried.

Rappleyea: that's the environmental part, the next step, because they're local laws, is to have a public hearing. Because it is a modification of our zoning law we have to send a notice to every surrounding and joining municipality. (I'll take care of those) the Town Clerk will do the rest.

5. Chatham Agricultural Partnership Green Pastures Grant
Supervisor: Chatham Agriculture Partnership is pursuing grant money for public outreach publication celebrating local agriculture. Collins stated that Berkshire Taconic has asked that the town board label itself as the fiscal sponsor. Rappleyea said that was fine.

PENDING DISCUSSIONS FOR WORKSHOP MEETING:

1. Solar Draft

2. Pattern for Progress
3. Dog Control Officer-Impoundment Fee
4. LED Lighting District Upgrade

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution #55-21: To accept the Town Accountant's Financial Supervisor's Report.

To accept the Town Accountant's Financial Supervisors Report for January 2021. Offered by Pitkin, seconded by Wapner.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

2. Resolution #56-21: To accept the Financial Abstract as presented to pay the Town bills.

To accept the financial abstract as presented to pay the Town bills. Offered by Pitkin, seconded by Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

3. Resolution #57-21: To approve Town Board Meeting minutes. (1/4/21 and 1/21/21)

To approve Town Board Meeting minutes of January 4 and 21,

2021. Offered by Mesick, seconded by Pitkin.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None

Resolution adopted

4. Resolution #58-21: To Amend Budget for Red Rock Fire and East Chatham Fire.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham adopted the 2021 Town Budget on November 5, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board may make budget amendments by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that additional appropriations are required due to unanticipated expenditures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board amends the budget as follows:

1. Red Rock Fire: Increase by \$1,148.11 *FROM: (A917:Unassigned Fund Balance) *TO: (SF1001: Real Property Tax Revenue-SF4) *TO: (SF 3410.4 Fire Expense -SF4)

- 2021 Town Budget: \$10,881
- Tax Roll: \$12,029.11
- DIFFERENCE: \$1148.11

Reason: Town does not receive accurate budget amount as County does not finalize tax roll before the Town budget adopted. (split between Canaan, Austerlitz, Chatham)

2. East Chatham Fire: *FROM: (A917:Unassigned Fund Balance) *TO: (SF1001: Real Property Tax Revenue-SF1B) *TO: (SF 3410.4 Fire Expense –SF1B)

- 2021 Town Budget: \$82,969.00
- Tax Roll: \$83,501.53
- DIFFERENCE: \$532.53

Reason: Town does not receive accurate budget amount as County does not finalize tax roll before the Town budget adopted. (split between Canaan and Chatham)

Offered by Collins, seconded by Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

5. Resolution #59-21: To renew EEP Contract Renewal.

WHEREAS, at a Town Board Meeting on July 21, 2016, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham approved the Town of Chatham's participation in the Columbia County Sheriff's Enhanced Enforcement Patrol Program, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a contract with the Columbia County Sheriff's Department to continue the program for March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022.

Offered by Pitkin, seconded by Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

6. Resolution #60-21: To establish Citizen Advisory Committee Protocol.

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board may establish citizen advisory committees to aid and assist the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wants to ensure a well-organized and consistent process for the establishment and administration of Citizen Advisory Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it important to have a uniform protocol to adhere to, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Town Board establishes Citizen Advisory Committee Protocol as written. (see attached)

Motion was made by Collins to TABLE resolution #60-21, Weldon seconded and the motion carried.

7. Resolution #61-21: To authorize Supervisor to sign agreement between Town and Ghent-Chatham Area Senior Citizens Club.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham wishes to continue in the promotion of senior citizens activities in the Ghent/Chatham area, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board shall continue to make payments to the club reimbursing its cost not to exceed \$2500.00 upon presentation of vouchers for the year 2021 and a certificate of insurance shall be provided to the Town of Chatham naming the Town as additional insured, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement between the Town and the Ghent/Chatham Senior Citizens Club for 2021.

Offered by Pitkin, seconded by Collins.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

8. Resolution #62-21: To approve 2020 Budget transfers.

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2019, the Town of Chatham Budget for 2020 was adopted and funds were appropriated by the Chatham Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the following appropriations were found to be over budget at the end of 2020, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board authorizes the appropriation changes as follows:

DEBIT	CREDIT	AMOUNT	REASON
A1110.411 Office Supplies	A1110.416 Postage	8.00	PO Box Fee increase
A1110.415 Software	A1110.451 Telephone	871.53	Upgrade
A1110.477 Education	A1110.474 Subscriptions	660.00	Ebizdocs/cloud cabinet
A1620.411 Office Supplies	A1620.412 Copier Supplies	129.83	Overbudget
A1620.415 Software	A1620.495 Emails	144.00	Overbudget
A1620.453 Fax	A1620.454 Internet	70.35	Upgradee
A1620.462 Bldg Maint	A1620.451 Telephone	1,259.26	Upgrade

A5010.477 Education	A5010.451 Telephone	351.29	Upgrade
A5010.477 Education	A5010.473 Advertising	93.18	Alb Tpk Project
A5132.442 Equip Rental	A5132.21 Tools	75.00	Air Compressor overage
A5132.442 Equip Rental	A5132.457 Bldg Security	191.23	Cameras & Hi Low
A5132.421 Electric	A5132.462 Garage Maint	2427.1 8	Clean out of water/oil sep
A5132.422 Heating Fuel	A5132.462 Garage Maint	280.83	Clean out of water/oil sep
A5132.464 Garage Supplies	A5132.462 Garage Maint	970.88	Clean out of water/oil sep
A7110.499 Goose Control	A7110.441 Rents/Leases	500.00	Restroom for Contractors
A9008.30 Social Security	A9008.80 Unemployment	1269.0 0	COVID
B3620.415 Software	B3620.452 Cell Phone	21.55	Charger
B8010.492 Zoning	B8010.491 Legal	921.87	Jan billing/no

Code			retainer
DA5142.481 Road Materials	DA514040.499 Tree Service	7100.00	Dangerous trees
DB5110.485 Asphalt	DB5110.468 Uniforms	1398.84	Boot Allowance &
DB5110.485 Asphalt	DB5110.489 Other Hwy Supplies	7259.89	Guardrail needed

Offered by Collins, seconded by Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

9. Resolution #63-21: To approve the Town Court Audit results for 2019.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective Town Board and that such records then be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board accepted the letter of engagement from UHY, LLP, Town accounting firm, on January 16, 2020, to audit the Town Justice Court records for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in accordance

with the Handbook for Town and Village Justices and Court Clerks, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chatham Town Board does hereby accept the Town Justice Court Audit from UHY, LLC for 2019 received on February 9, 2021.

Offered by Pitkin, seconded by Weldon

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

10. Resolution #64-21: To approve the town accountant's letter _____ of _____ engagement.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham has appointed UHY, LLP as the town's accounting firm for 2021, and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Budget includes funds to pay an Accounting firm under Account Code A1310.492; Professional/Contractual-Accounting Firm, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chatham Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Letter of Engagement for 2021 with UHY, LLP for Accounting with a budget amount not to exceed \$22,313.00, which includes \$1200.00 per month as a monthly retainer with the final billing being settled at the end of the calendar year based on actual

time spent at hourly rates.

Offered by Collins, seconded by Weldon

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

11. Resolution #65-21: To approve the 2021 Highway 284 Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board and the Superintendent of highways are required by Highway Law § 284 to enter into a written agreement stating the places and manner in which the highway Fund appropriations for repairs and improvements are to be expended; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board hereby accepts the 284 Agreement, submitted by the Highway Superintendent, to spend Town Highway Funds in 2021.

Offered by Mesick, seconded by Pitkin

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

12. Resolution #66-21: To authorize Supervisor to sign shared services agreement with Columbia County MIS Department.

Motion was made by Collins to TABLE Resolution #66-21, seconded by Weldon and carried.

13. Resolution #67-21: Negative Declaration Enactment of Local Law #1 of 2021

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Chatham has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents of the Town to enact a local law amending the Town Zoning Law to move the responsibility, jurisdiction and authority to review and approve Special Use Permits from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town to complete the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) process, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously declared itself as Lead Agency for such review and has conducted a close look at all potential environmental issues and found none. NOW

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby makes a Negative Declaration for SEQRA process and determines that will not be any substantial potential negative impacts to the environment as a result of the enactment of the local law.

Offered by Weldon, seconded by Mesick.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

14. Resolution #68-21: To schedule PUBLIC HEARING on Local Law #1-2021 for March 4, 2021

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Chatham has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents of the Town to enact a local law amending the Town Zoning Law to move the responsibility, jurisdiction and authority to review and approve Special Use Permits from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town to hold a public hearing to accept public comment prior to a vote to enact such local law. NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby schedules the public hearing for March 4, 2021.

Offered by Collins, seconded by Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

15. Resolution #69-21: Negative Declaration on Local Law #2-2021

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Chatham has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the

residents of the Town to enact a local law amending the Town Subdivision Law to provide for a streamlined process for review and approval of lot line adjustments, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town to complete the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) process, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously declared itself as Lead Agency for such review and has conducted a close look at all potential environmental issues and found none.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby makes a Negative Declaration for SEQRA process and determines that will not be any substantial potential negative impacts to the environment as a result of the enactment of the local law.

Offered by Weldon, seconded by Pitkin.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

16. Resolution #70-21: To schedule a PUBLIC HEARING on Local Law #2-2021 for March 4, 2021

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Chatham has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents of the Town to enact a local law amending the Town Subdivision Law to provide for a streamlined process for review and approval of lot line adjustments, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town to hold a public hearing

to accept public comment prior to a vote to enact such local law. NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby schedules the public hearing for March 4, 2021.

Offered by Weldon, seconded by Mesick.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

17. Resolution #71-21: To approve payment of 2021 Budget Shortage to Niverville Fire Co.

WHEREAS, the 2021 Tax Roll Warrant for Kinderhook Lake Fire District (Niverville Fire Company) was to be recorded by Columbia County as \$27,834.00 from the Town of Chatham 2021 Adopted Budget, and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Tax Roll Warrant showed an error of \$410.92 as the County used the Town of Chatham 2020 Adopted Budget number in error (\$27,423.08) and shorted the Niverville Fire Company by \$410.92, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby authorizes the payment of \$410.92 from Unassigned Fund Balance (A917) to Miscellaneous Revenue (A2770) to the Niverville Fire Company (SF3410.4-SF3) Fire Expense and will recoup \$410.92 in the 2022 Town Budget.

Offered by Collins, seconded by Pitkin.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

18. Resolution 72-2021 To Appoint a “Park and Recreation Citizens’ Advisory Committee on COVID Protocols”

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a severe impact on social and recreational activities within the Town, which have been severely curtailed as a result of restrictions on public and social gatherings, social-distancing requirements, and prohibitions on indoor and outdoor recreational activities involving personal contact; and

WHEREAS, the co-chairs of the Town of Chatham’s Park and Recreation Committee and the Town of Chatham Recreation Director have determined that the development and implementation of appropriate protocols for Town-sponsored recreational facilities, activities and events requires up-to-date, comprehensive consideration of COVID-related data and all applicable state, federal and local rules, regulations and recommendations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that, subject to and pending the adoption by the Town Board of a resolution or local law formally authorizing the creation of “Citizens’ Advisory Committees,” a pro tem Park and Recreation Citizens’ Advisory

Committee on COVID Protocols is hereby instituted for the purpose of conducting ongoing review of New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH"), Columbia County Health Department ("CCHFD"), and Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") guidance regarding recreational activities and public assembly; monitoring county, regional and local COVID-19 statistics in relation to such NYSDOH, CCHD and CDC guidance; and recommending appropriate protocol development and modification for public recreational activity, public assembly, contractual uses of Town park property (Crellin Park), and/or any programs operated by the Town of Chatham Park and Recreation Department; and it is further

RESOLVED that the members of the pro tem Park and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Committee on COVID protocols shall be Michael West, Recreation Director; Henry Swartz; and Town Board member John Wapner but not limited to these members.

Motion was made by Collins to TABLE resolution 72-2021, Mesick seconded and the motion carried. (Weldon abstained)

19. Resolution 73-2021 To approve Park and Recreation Co-Chair Letter stating continued participation with PS21 "Pathways" series of outdoor performances for 2021
WHEREAS, The Town of Chatham Parks and Recreation Committee, as well as the Recreation Director have

collaborated with PS21 for a series of outdoor programming entitled “Pathways”, which began in 2019, and continued through the Pandemic in 2020, bringing live, and streamed outdoor performances to hundreds of viewers and participants, and looks forward to continuing these joint efforts in the future, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Chatham Town Board authorizes Parks and Recreation Co-Chair, Kevin Weldon to contribute a letter stating the intent of the Parks and Recreation Programs to continue participation with PS21 in Presenting various events as part of the “Pathways” Series , so such a letter may be forwarded to the NEA as part of PS21’s upcoming grant application process.☐

Offered b Collins, seconded by Mesick.

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

20. Resolution 74-2021 To Approve the “Green Pastures” Grant Application by the Chatham Agricultural Partnership (CAP)

WHEREAS, the Chatham Agricultural Partnership was formed in 2007 as a long term commitment to ensuring Chatham remains a sustainable farming community,

And WHEREAS the Chatham Agricultural Partnership has pursued grant assistance through a number of sources since its inception,

And WHEREAS funding from the “Green Pastures” Grant would be utilized in community outreach for the promotion of local agriculture, NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED : That the Chatham Town Board authorizes the Chatham Agricultural Partnership to apply for the “Green Pastures” grant through the Berkshire Taconic Foundation, recognizing the Town as the “fiscal sponsor” for this application.

Offered by Supervisor Collins Seconded by Councilwoman Mesick

VOTE

AYE: Collins, Pitkin, Mesick, Wapner and Weldon NAY: None
Resolution adopted

CONDUCT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT COMES BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Gabriella Sperry thanked the Board, Tal for their work on the 2 local laws and Vance for his work on the Broadband.

*David Levow agreed with Michael Richardson’s letter which didn’t feel that hiring a planner for the Comprehensive Plan update was worth the money.

* Mesick asked how much money was spent on the previous planner, 38K.

* Bobseine believes that the work done to put together the Recreation COVID plan is excellent. Congrats on continuing the collaboration with PS21. Bobseine asked if the broadband that was offered in the expansion made affordable to everyone.

Vance- initially they required 22 signed contracts for three year period at \$106.00/ month but they actually started the work with only 12 signed contracts in hand.

A motion was made by Collins to adjourn at 8:33PM, Weldon seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel, RMC

Town Clerk